



Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.
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May 27, 2011

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

It's my opinion that the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger will be good for Iowa's economy and good for workers.

Of course, pretty much everyone already knows the main benefits that Internet access brings to the way that we live, learn, work, and communicate. This technology has changed our lives and the world so much that it is sometimes difficult to remember life without it. And now, you have the chance to green light a proposal that would bring high-speed broadband access—as well as the cutting-edge capabilities and opportunities that this access delivers—to every corner of Iowa. The benefits and advancements that increased access and improved speed and reliability will bring to people would be virtually countless.

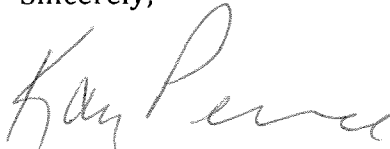
The merger constitutes a major commitment by AT&T to invest billions of dollars over the next seven years. This investment will be for expanding the existing network infrastructure to include more areas and reach more people than AT&T would otherwise be able to do. This investment means jobs—quality jobs. AT&T is the only major national wireless provider with a unionized workforce, and as such, AT&T has a commendable record of honoring workers' rights and of having pro-worker policies in place. Their chairman, Randall Stephenson, has already stated that these policies will remain in place after the merger.

This merger will finally give T-Mobile's workers a chance for the union representation that 42,000 workers at AT&T currently have. Even more importantly, every previous AT&T merger has resulted in considerable increases in non-management jobs—and given the significant investment required to expand the existing network, this merger won't be the exception to that stellar track record.

The outcome of this merger will be good for the overall population of Iowa, too, because it will give all people and regions throughout the state more options and increased technological capabilities. Cutting-edge advances in communications technology can improve job training and professional and educational opportunities, and it can help job-seekers connect with potential employers. Here in Dubuque, our business climate is expanding, and improved access to faster, more reliable wireless technologies will help it expand more rapidly. These economic benefits will improve the well-being of people and communities and will increase opportunities for workers.

I respectfully request that the FCC carefully considers these benefits, as well as the benefits to the overall U.S. population and regions. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kay Pence", written in a cursive style.

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CWA Staff Representative

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